

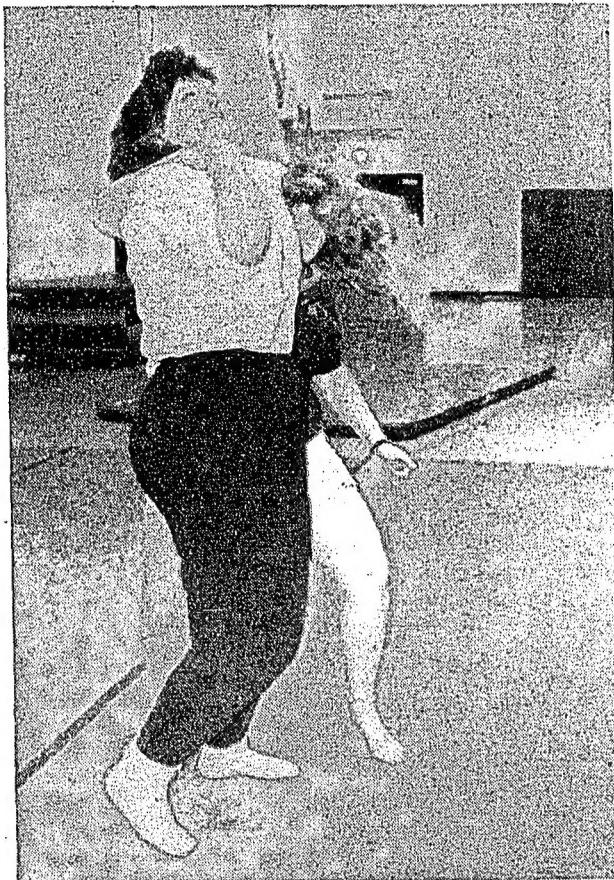
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—Lydia Johnson

Stephanie Cox, left, and UNO student Anne Marie Krahulec, practice self-defense techniques at a workshop in UNO's HPER Building.

Workshop Teaches Anger as Best Defense Against Danger

By Beth Warner

Anger is often more useful than fear, especially when one is trying to escape a potential attacker.

"Always think anger in a difficult situation," said Francisco Talavera, founder of the American Institute for Self-Defense. "Fear does nothing except disable you."

Talavera demonstrated self-defense techniques to about 20 women Thursday at a workshop sponsored by the UNO Women's Resource Center.

Talavera identified the neck, the eyes and the groin as three areas of weakness on an attacker's body. Talavera said that even a victim who wasn't particularly strong could aim at these areas and hurt their attacker, and enable the victim to get away.

Talavera also offered advice on avoiding dangerous situations.

"Don't ever go anywhere with someone because they will take you to a remote area

that they know well."

Talavera said this is especially true if the person has a gun.

"It's better to be shot one time in a public place than to be shot several times in a remote location," he said.

Talavera also offered advice on what to do when one gets into a potentially dangerous situation. For example, if an attacker gets into a car with a person, that person should continue to drive until they get into a well-populated area and then crash their car. This will bring emergency vehicles onto the scene.

Another suggestion Talavera offered for this situation, especially when one sees a police car in the area, is for the driver of the car to begin to break traffic laws. But Talavera cautioned that the driver should be subtle so as not to tip off his or her attacker. The object of this is to get a police officer to stop the car the victim is driving. Once pulled over, the

Senate Elects Faltin as New Chief Administrative Officer

By Kate Kalamaja

Sen. Polly Faltin was appointed the new Chief Administrative Officer at Thursday night's Student Senate meeting.

Three candidates applied for the position, and Sen. Faltin was selected by Speaker Tony Hill. The Senate passed Sen. Faltin's appointment with a vote of 11-7-1.

"I will do the best job that I can," Sen. Faltin said.

Student President/Regent Justin Peterson was not at the meeting, and Sen. Danielle Jensen gave Peterson's report.

Peterson said he was disturbed by the recent vandalism of the Student President/Regent office in Arts and Sciences Building, Room 107.

Peterson's office was apparently vandalized sometime between the hours of 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 and 8 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27.

Margaret Bayless, Student Government secretary, said she left the office at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and locked the door. She said she arrived at the Student Government office at 8 a.m. Wednesday and discovered the damage.

No suspect(s) have been found in the case.

Peterson also said in his report that he is in strong support of Chancellor Del Weber's decision to deny the proposal of establishing a Women's Center at UNO, which would be a professionally



—photo by SR Kemper

New CAO Polly Faltin

staffed center to council women in crisis situations.

The proposal was from the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women.

The Women's Center would be a "...duplication of services," Peterson said, and it would be "fiscally irresponsible to students."

UNO has a student agency, the Women's Resource Center, funded by student fees.

The Senate also discussed the upcoming student elections and plans for election

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UNO Engineering Begins to See Light at End of Tunnel With New Faculty, Courses

By Brian J. Todd

Considering the current fervor over Omaha's need for quality engineers in its labor pool, it may seem hard to believe that UNO once had its own College of Engineering.

When Omaha University first joined the University of Nebraska system that was indeed the case, but UNO's engineering college was quickly absorbed by

its bigger sibling in Lincoln, leading to the current dilemma.

Times, however, have changed and slowly but surely students will be able to study a wide variety of engineering topics at UNO once again.

"There has been a significant change that gives more control to UNO," said Gary Keefer, interim associate dean of engineering at UNO. Keefer, who is part of the UNL engineering faculty at UNO, said that although he has no idea when UNO might get

its own engineering college, there is already plenty of engineering opportunities at UNO with more on the way.

He said UNO offers the following four-year degree programs: construction engineering technology, industrial engineering technology, electrical engineering technology, manufacturing technology and civil engineering.

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OPINIONS, EDITORIALS AND LETTERS

'Late-Night Infomercials Great Cure for Insomnia'

It was a couple hours into one of those insomniac nights, during which my overactive imagination had been hurling a barrage of fantasies at me, when Mother Nature rudely interrupted with the loudest thunderclap I'd ever heard. The ensuing downpour summoned me to rise up and purge my tortured psyche.

So, armed with a fresh pack of Marlboros, iced glass of RC Cola and half bag of Rold Gold pretzels, I padded into the haven of my TV room for a reprieve. Or so I thought. Little did I know I was about to embark on a supremely delusional trip: the all-night infomercial flight.

The initial appeal to my electronic wanderlust was sounded by that paragon of salesmanship—QVC. As a serious student of communications, I'd previously considered channel 24 a mere stepping-stone on

the beaten path between C-SPAN and CNN.

However, in light of my fragile state of mind on this particular evening, it is understandable that a program entitled "Make Life Easier" would persuade me to consider a brief pause.

A beauty-queen-turned-huckster was telling me that for "under \$22, you can use this Christmas tree shaped paper punch, Christmas motif stickers and quality paper included in this kit to create dozens of unique holiday greetings." I pondered this for a moment. Yes, \$21.74 was under \$22, but she neglected to mention sales tax and the shipping and handling charge of \$4.97. Now, we're at "under \$28" for a kit composed of about \$5 worth of art supplies. I was sure that for just under \$5, I could run over to Wal-Mart for a couple dozen boxed greeting cards. In the time it would take to create a couple greeting cards with the QVC kit, I could have three years' worth of boxed cards addressed and posted. I decided to continue the quest to simplify my life.

I next encountered an attractive offer for an in-home audio cassette program designed to attack anxiety. Maybe I was getting somewhere. For a nominal fee, I could learn how to turn my negative, fearful, anxious energy into "something really powerful"—without the aid of addicting substances. Huh. I lit a cigarette and grabbed for the remote. For a while, I surfed among inane little swells of this and that; the Everything '80s collection, featuring favorites by Billy Ocean and Hall and Oates ("Caribbean Queen" meets "Maneater?"); CholestAway, only \$29.95 for a month's supply (a buck a day keeps the cholesterol away?); and the Wonder Cooker, to "revolutionize" my cooking (can boxed mac n' cheese with nuked hot dogs *really* be improved upon?).

As the storm outside raged, the waves inside began breaking against my increasingly battered reality. Schools of Ron Popeil wanna-be's and their Vanna-esque sidekicks hawked a plethora of "incredible break-throughs" and "patented designs," guaranteed to render my complexion, physique and lifestyle as marvelous as those of the soap stars, retired Olympic athletes and real estate gurus who endorsed them. Everything was "incredibly easy to order" (with a major credit card, of course) and hey, if the free gift with purchase didn't persuade, there was always the 30-day money back guarantee.

My head was beginning to swim as the remote fell to the floor and the infomercial undertow grabbed hold. The murky depths began, mercifully and simultaneously with the sound of hail pelting the windowpane, to drown out the din of Kenny Kingston's voice coming out to me from his psychic hotline: "Good night, sweet spirit."

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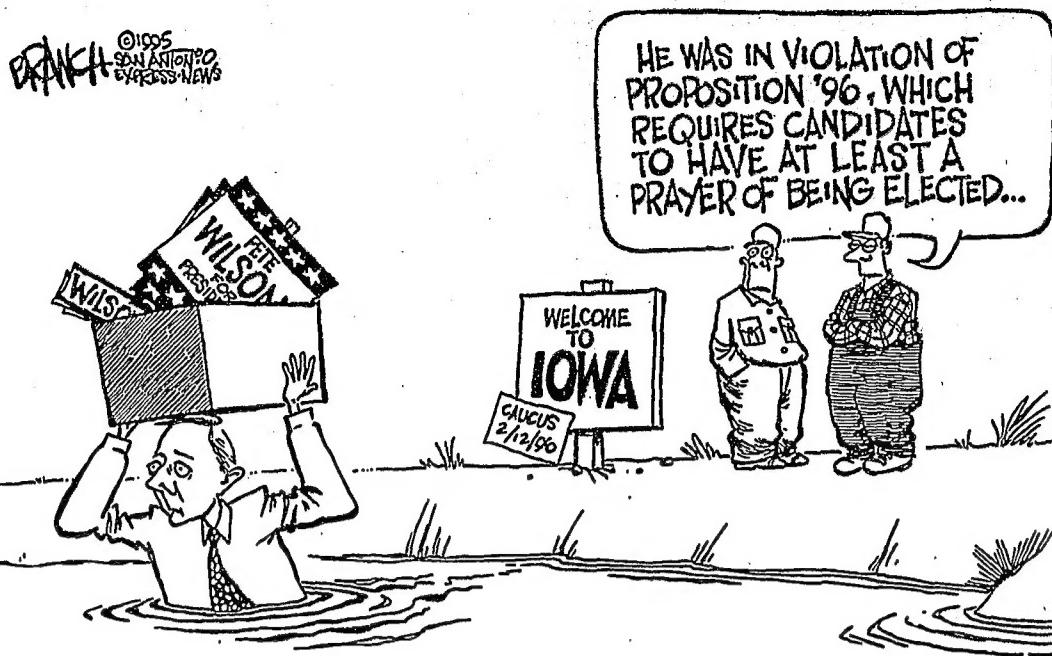
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**Kim
Balkovec**

'Student Senate Plan Trivializes Voting Privilege'

I will probably be struck down by lightning for saying this, but I tend to agree with Student President/Regent Justin Peterson's stance against the Student Senate's plan to attract voters for the upcoming student election by using hot chocolate and music.

Friday, the *Gateway* reported that the Student Senate was going to vote on a resolution to spend \$673 of reserve account money to sponsor events during the election designed to increase voter turnout. Some of the planned events included a live band, an appearance by radio station 101.9 "The Edge," and giving away stickers, party hats, popcorn and hot chocolate. Surprisingly, the senate approved the measure without much debate. But then again, Peterson was unable to attend the meeting.

Peterson already has stated that he will probably veto the resolution because he believes that spending money defeats the purpose of voting and that the students who care, will vote. Although Peterson's stance may seem idealistic and cold, he has a valid point.

The whole idea of fun, frolicking and festivities to get students to vote and put some good people in Student Government positions, sounds great ... at first. But when you think about the true nature of voting, the plan seems to trivialize one of man's greatest rights.

It is our privilege to vote in any election that may have an impact on our lives. And we should honor that privilege by making it a primary responsibility to get out there and vote. Although many students don't believe that the Student Government election has an impact on their lives, it does. The people who serve on the senate control a large portion of the student fee money as well as the services provided by the Student Government agencies and Student Programming Organization.

Veronica Burgher

Staff Editorial

What we are talking about is voter apathy. This is a problem that has begun to plague elections as a whole, not just UNO's student elections. While applauding attempts to fight apathy, it is an uphill battle, which cannot be won that easily. We need to get people to want to vote, not bribe them with food and party favors.

And Justin is probably right that students who do care, will vote. Those who don't care, won't vote. Sticking a cup of hot chocolate in their hands and a party hat on their heads isn't likely to change their minds.

Editor's Notes

Did you go a little overboard on your back-to-school shopping trip and now your closet is overstuffed? Has your donate-to-a-good-cause clothes pile taken over your garage? The Student Programming Organization and the *Gateway* have a good way to help you solve your over-clothing problem and help out the less fortunate at the same time. On Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the "Clothesline Across Campus" volunteers will collect clothing donation and hang them on a clothesline strung around trees in the Pep Bowl, south of the Eppley Administration Building. At the end of the day, the clothes will be packed and taken to the Open Door Mission.

Because I am a cartoon fanatic, the *Gateway* will now publish two syndicated cartoons a week. On Tuesdays, look for "Rubes." This cartoon follows in the tradition of "The Far Side." On Fridays, "Thatch" depicts the life of recent college graduates living in Washington, D.C. If you have any comments on either cartoon, please direct them to me.

I would like to commend the Rev. Phil Owen, one of UNO's campus pastors, on his high level of dignity and self-respect. The *Gateway* article, where Student President Justin Peterson called for Owen's resignation because Owen is a homosexual, was published on Sept. 19. It is now Oct. 3 and after many letters to the editor about the subject, Owen has finally written a letter of his own. But he does not defend himself or challenge anyone else's personal beliefs. He simply corrects or clarifies some facts made in those letters. While most of us would feel compelled to defend ourselves and justify our actions, Owen refused. And for that, Rev. Owen, I commend you.

Veronica Burgher, editor-in-chief

LETTERS

'Pray For Owen to Overcome Sin'

Dear Editor,

Unfortunately I missed last week's *Gateway* with Justin Peterson's comments about Mr. Owen. But from the editorials I've read this week, I am able to get a general picture of his comments. What strikes me as odd is the outcry at Justin. Some people seem to think that Justin has no right to voice his thoughts about Mr. Owen's private life, and have gone as far as calling Justin a bigot for doing so. Don't forget, Mr. Owen chose to enter the public arena with the lifestyle he currently lives. If you don't think that the private lives of public servants ought to be open to discussion, I suggest you go talk to Mel Reynolds, Bob Packwood or Bill Clinton; they might agree with you.

What has happened to make people so afraid to make a moral judgment about the lifestyles other people choose to live by? If you don't think that we have a right to make moral judgments about the actions of others, what gives you the right to say, "So-and-so shouldn't treat me in such-and-such manner"? We are moral creatures. It is our right and responsibility to make moral judgments about our own lives and the lives of others. I will be the first to judge my own life and say I do things that are morally wrong. I know Justin would say the same about his own life. Every time we say that it is wrong for people to lie, steal, cheat, murder or rape we are making a moral judgment about these actions!

I will be the first to echo Justin's comments. Mr. Owen, you are not living a lifestyle that is consistent with what God says a minister of His Word ought to live. If you have any respect for the truth of God's Word, please resign from your leadership position. If our lives are not changed by His grace, then His death and resurrection were meaningless! Please pray about this and ask God to help you overcome this sin in your life. I am praying for you.

Jody Steiner
UNO student

Owen Clarifies Facts

Dear Editor,

I have been reading recent letters with much interest. I do not wish to prolong, politicize or publicize the discussion about me, but I do wish to correct a few misconceptions and errors.

First, I am not the campus pastor. I am one of four recognized religious professionals working on the UNO campus. We might all use the unofficial title "campus pastor." The four of us, who each represent different denominations, (in my case, I represent four denominations) carry on our work here as volunteers — we receive our funding from our supporting churches. In no way do we receive state, tax or student moneys.

Besides the four of us, one can find representatives and student organization of other churches, non-denominational groups and other religions on campus. This is what one would expect at a large, public institution with a diverse population. To serve such a population, we have groups ranging from the Baha'i faith to Zeta Chi. No one group, person or church can "do it all."

Secondly, I wish to correct a statement in a letter published Friday the 22nd. (I am sorry I do not have a copy and cannot quote it directly.) There is no law at either the state or federal level that protects gay and lesbian people from discrimination. That means, in Nebraska, it is perfectly legal to fire someone or to refuse to rent to them just because you think they might be gay. (There are eight states and many municipalities where this is not true — they have added such protection to exciting civil and human rights laws.) If you feel this is unjust, write to your state legislator.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents, however, has added "sexual orientation" to their non-discrimination policy. Therefore it is against university policy to discriminate against people based on their sexual orientation.

Finally, it is important to realize that the thinking of the Christian church in regards to homosexuality (or any other issue in our

society) is mixed. Different denominations and different theologians have differing concepts of what is meant by the scriptures and of what stands Christians should take. This often leads to heated and sometimes painful debate within and between churches. I state this not to start a theological discussion in the *Gateway*, but to simply say that no one speaks for the whole of the Christian community.

If anyone has questions about any of the issues I have addressed, they should feel free to contact me at my office number, 558-6737, or by E-mail, ophilip@cwis.unomaha.edu.

Thank you.

Phil Owen, campus pastor
United Christian Ministries in Higher Education

Peterson Shouldn't Pass Judgment

Dear Editor,

In the Sept. 19 issue of the *Gateway*, Student President/Regent Justin Peterson said the homosexual lifestyle does not lend itself to moral or spiritual leadership. I assume he is somewhat heterosexual and knows little or nothing about homosexual lifestyles. Therefore, how would he know whether or not the homosexual lifestyle lends itself to moral or spiritual leadership?

Regardless of the fact that I disagree with Peterson's supposition, I would really like to know how he came to that conclusion.

I think it is very sad that UNO has a Student Regent who can come to such short-sighted rash conclusions about a group of people as diverse as homosexuals.

Daniel Shepherd
UNO graduate
Chicago, Ill.

Peterson Discredits Student Body

Dear Editor,

I found Student President/Regent Justin Peterson's statements in the Sept. 19, 1995

Gateway regarding the Rev. Phil Owen's sexual orientation and judgment on Owen's moral and spiritual leadership to be highly offensive at the very least, and prejudiced, bigoted and blatantly discriminatory at worst. One's sexual orientation has nothing to do with either one's work-related abilities or one's capacity for moral and spiritual leadership.

Statements such as Peterson's are typical of the neo-Republicanism of the radical right. Paint people and the issues as black and white, as good and bad. In so doing, they attempt to absolve people of the responsibility to think for themselves and thoughtfully evaluate their relationships with others. Where is the equality, justice, love, compassion and humanity in what they "preach"? There is much more of our existence that unites us as human beings than can ever separate us because of our perceived differences. Perhaps that is what frightens Mr. Peterson the most.

One previous letter to the editor on this subject brought up the law and sexual orientation in the workplace. Unfortunately, no laws exist in Nebraska or on the federal level that prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Across the nation, only nine states have enacted such laws. In most states it is completely legal to fire an employee if it is learned that he or she is gay or lesbian, bisexual or transgendered. Bills before the Nebraska Legislature over the past four years have been unsuccessful. Not surprisingly, the only two senators to vote that bill out of committee this year were a woman and an African American.

I feel Peterson is a discredit to the UNO student body and to this institution. He should resign. His statements and those of other like him really have no place in civilized human society. However, our great democracy forces us to give audience to the garbage they spew.

Scott Winkler
UNO Staff

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Talavera has studied self-defense for 17 years. He said he designed the program he teaches because he was frustrated by other self-defense classes he attended. He said the methods taught in other classes were impractical, required too much strength, and were often expensive.

Talavera donated his time to offer the workshop at UNO.

Suzanne Doerr, a UNO senior majoring in dietetics, said the workshop was useful and beneficial.

"It gave a lot of good common sense," said Jennifer Viola, a UNO senior majoring in public relations. Viola had attended other self-defense workshops but would recommend this one as "a good, basic beginning course."

Susan Koneck, director of the Women's Resource Center, said in a Friday phone interview that the workshop received such a positive reaction that the center is definitely planning to bring Talavera back to campus next semester, possibly in February.

Koneck said she was not surprised that no men attended the free workshop.

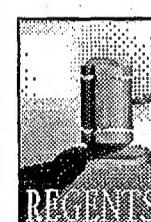
"I would expect women to be the majority because women are more at risk for physical assault."

Koneck said a 1991 study by the University of Minnesota found that 20 to 25 percent of college women had been the victims of rape or attempted rape. Koneck also said that a 1993 study by UCLA found that 89 percent of sexual assault victims are under the age of 29.

Koneck said the workshop was not identified as a workshop for women and that all events sponsored by the WRC are open to both men and women.

Engineering Issue Heats Up Regents Meeting

By Dawn Josoff

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents meeting Saturday turned into a shouting match between UNO student President/Regent Justin Peterson and Regent John Payne, from Kearney, over a proposed addition to the Walter Scott Engineering Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The Regents met to approve three phases involved in the addition to the Walter Scott Engineering Center at UNL.

Peterson said he disagreed with the proposal because of the deficiency in the engineering program at UNO.

"They've chosen to ignore the needs of the engineering students at UNO time and time again," Peterson said.

Peterson said he was disagreeing with the proposal when Payne called Peterson out of order, raised his voice well above conversation level and went on to call Peterson a liar.

Peterson asked him why and Payne would not answer. Peterson said that Payne has said that UNO's engineering college is funded adequately.

The two continued debating while Chairwoman Nancy O'Brien called them both out of order.

"Student President/Regents are to represent all four campuses, and Payne is not for the

best interests of the students at UNO," Peterson said.

Payne was unavailable for comment.

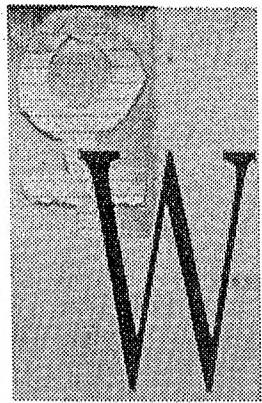
Chairwoman Nancy O'Brien, in an interview Monday morning, made no mention of the verbal discourse between Peterson and Payne. "There is a significant effort going on

right now with input from the university and business community regarding the engineering program. I am hopeful that by the first of January the issue will be resolved," O'Brien said.

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—SR Kemper
UNO Chancellor Del Weber, middle, leads the University of Nebraska Board of Regents on a cruise around the UNO campus Thursday.



hen you meet the person who is "the one," you just seem to know it instantaneously. It's not one of those things where it takes three or four years to get used to him — when it happens, you will know it.

There are a few more things, however, that can assure you that he's "the one."

First, communication is one of the most important things in a relationship. If you find yourselves finishing each other's sentences, blurting the same thought out instantaneously, or communicating without even saying a word (and I'm not referring to the "horizontal lambada"), then you know you two are meant to be. In addition, if you can talk about certain "taboo" subjects such as bodily functions (within reason and with dignity, of course), marriage, having kids together, financial matters, private thoughts and feelings, and can even talk about your wildest dreams and aspirations (which doesn't include becoming a member of the mile-high club), then you know it's for real.

However, you both spend your time doing other things than talking (get your mind out of the gutter ... I didn't mean that!).

What really matters is if you can have fun together, no matter what you're doing. Going to the grocery store and bombarding him, an aisle over, with a box of feminine products, is something you could not and would not do with anyone else. If you can have fun studying, doing laundry, going to church (and not disrupting the service with an occasional "Amen!" or "Bring out the wine!" at sonic levels), running errands, or can even go on extremely long road trips without killing each other, you've found your "Prince Charming."

But here's one of the big tests. We ladies, even though the drastic measures and amounts This Tuesday *Gateway* feature contains the opinions of the authors.

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO Him & Her

by Adam & Eve

Q: How do you know when you have met "the one?"

vary, all depend on our daily beauty rituals to keep us as gorgeous as we can be. When he sees you without your make-up on, dressed in sweats, with your hair knotted tightly in a bun (giving you the look of Lillith Crane on "Cheers") and he not only refrains from running and screaming in the opposite direction, but even says you look beautiful and don't need make-up — don't let this one go!

Most important: You need to be able to be yourself. It's important that you can let the little kid in you come out, be yourself and show your true emotions, no matter what the situation is. You have to be able to be yourself and, in addition, he has to love you for it.

But could you ever live with the guy without losing your mind? If his habit of singing off-key to every song that comes on the radio doesn't drive you absolutely mad, he's the one. Sometimes, when you think it's cute the way he always orders a burger and fries, regardless of what restaurant you're at, or when you find yourself standing outside the bathroom door, listening to him sing off-key inside, with a grin on your face, there isn't any explanation why, except you love him.

But what must exist, regardless, is the fact that he has to love you just as much as you

love him. When he surprises you with a fancy evening out on the town, or buys you flowers for no special reason, or even fills up your gas tank when he sees it's low, he's in love.

If you find yourself wanting to spend all your time together, daydreaming about your future together, and especially if you find yourself smiling whenever you hear his voice, think about him, or smell his cologne, you're a very lucky woman: You have found "the



ow do you know when you have met "the one?" Well, she is a knockout who can really cook. What else do you need? Oh yeah. What was I thinking? She loves to clean and change diapers. Other than that, I don't know what to tell you.

Just kidding. "The one" is a person you love. The definition of love is a little hazy,

though. Each individual has to define love for himself. Don't get carried away, though. Love isn't when you go to Victoria's Secret or Frederick's of Hollywood. That's only a small part of it. The bedroom should be (everything) only a small part of your relationship with this special woman.

Well, let me tell you what I think love is. Love is when you can't help but smile whenever you think about the woman (naked). You want to do everything for her (except cook and clean). You take her to nice places to eat (I suggest Burger King ... it's a little more classier than Taco Bell.) In short, she gives you a very special feeling ...

OK, calm down. I was just kidding. Put away your "This Penis Column's Got to Go!!" stickers (if you missed that innuendo — check out the flick "PCU").

Seriously, when you love someone, you can't help but smile when certain things happen. She walks into the room. She smiles. She looks you in the eyes. She says "I love you." No matter what kind of mood you're in, whenever you see her, you smile just ... because you love her.

You love taking her places. You get her out of the drab, ordinary, everyday lifestyle and take her on the town. I don't mean BK or the Golden Arches. Sure those places are OK every now and then, but you should want to take her to some "swanky" restaurant and buy her flowers for the occasion. You don't want her to do anything that exerts herself. You help her cook and clean. Heck, you even wash her in the shower.

That's what love is. But how do you know that this is "the one?" Just because you love her doesn't mean that she is "the one." Do you talk about marriage? Do you imagine having children with her? Can you envision her walking down the aisle toward you? Does she do the same for you? Has she ever surprised you with a candlelit dinner for the two of you? Has she ever cleaned your dishes when you're blue? Has she offered to wash clothes when you didn't have the time? Does she wash you in the shower? Answering "yes" could mean that she is "the one."

A Fair to Remember

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UNO Regent Scholarship Winner
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Dean's List 1994, 1995
Sigma Kappa Sorority
UNO Panhellenic Executive Council
UNO Tri Beta Biology Honors Club
UNO Pre-Pharmacy Club

Homecoming voting will be held October 4th, 5th, & 6th, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., in Milo Bail Student Center main entrance.

Ministry Festival Uses Skits, Humor to Explore Religion

By Cami Stenglein-Reardon

Religious issues and the different ways people interpret God were topics of the UNO Campus Ministry Festival Thursday night.

The festival participants listened to a radio broadcast from evangelical comedian Mark Lowery's compact disc, "Mouth In Motion."

The Lowery CD deals with popular religious issues in a humorous manner to attract a wide variety of audience members. Lowery called his radio broadcast, "W.O.R.D."

Lowery focused on the phrase, "Don't worry, it'll pass," throughout his skit. "If you had a bad year last year, don't worry, it'll pass. If you had a good year last year, don't worry, it'll pass."

Lowery also addressed the idea of western civilization referring to the seat of human emotions as being the heart, but having recently seen a documentary on the Discovery Channel dealing with open heart surgery, he discussed other possibilities, including the fact that in one book of the Bible, the bowels are referred to as the seat of human emotions.

"Can you imagine walking up to someone you love and saying, 'I love you with all my bowels?'" he said.

The evening also featured music by the group Dakota Road, ministry by Lowery and dramatic skits and discussion.

"It's a chance to deal with some interesting issues for students in a creative way. This is our first festival, kind of a welcome back event, and we are happy with the turnout," said Del Tschudin, pastor for the Campus Lutheran Ministries.

Three dramatic skits presented three situations people may face when addressing the issue of religion.

The first dramatic skit entitled "Excess Baggage," by Douglas Crawley, was performed by Rebecca Wingert, a student at Creighton University who became involved with Pastor Tschudin's Lutheran Breakfast series last fall; Judy Cavener; and Jim Cavener, pastor for Lutheran Campus Ministries.

The skit centered on how some people have a hard time turning to religion because of feelings of guilt, fear and doubt they have; causing them to turn away from religion.

The skit was about a young woman, played by Wingert, who was going to fly to "Eternal Bliss" on "Abundant Life Airlines."

The airline representative, Judy Cavener, tried to relieve Wingert of her excess baggage, which included guilt, fear, doubt and disappointment.

Cavener said the airline provided everything necessary for a pleasant trip to Wingert's destination. Wingert's character decided against flying with the airline because she could not possibly survive without her baggage.

The second skit explored how some people may face rejection from others because of their religion.

"Conversion," by Paul McCusker, focused on two young men, Chris and Dale, discussing an issue Dale was facing. The issue wasn't revealed until the end of the scene, which left the audience to wonder what the heavy discussion was all about.

Chris told Dale he decided to become Christian, and Dale had a problem with Chris' decision, which affected their friendship.

The scene examined attitudes people have toward different groups of people in society and the different faiths people have. It also called for people to determine how "different" a person's walk is as a Christian from that of the rest of the world's, and the cost of following Christ in today's "I'm OK, you're OK" society.

Chris was played by Weylon Heiser, a processing engineer at Omaha Steel Casting, and Dale was played by former UNO student John Schmidt.

The third skit was entitled "Waiting For The Commercial," by Curt Cloninger, and the performer was Phil Owen, pastor for United Ministries in Higher Education.

In the skit, a young man spoke to the audience about his "mistake" of getting a girl pregnant. He discussed how he had been misled by the glitz of society, popular culture, television and careless attitudes toward love and sex.

The campus ministry groups will co-sponsor three additional festivals this year:

*A welcome back gathering at the Religious Center on Oct. 12.

*The Fall Interfaith Breakfast at the Student Center on Dec. 6 at 7:30 a.m.

*The Spring Interfaith Breakfast at the Student Center on April 12.

Any member of the university community interested in further information about the events should contact the Religious Center.



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Creighton student Rebecca Wingert acts in a skit during the UNO Campus Ministry Festival.

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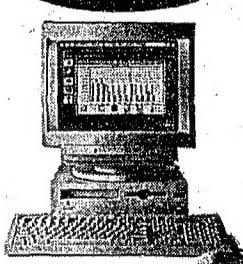
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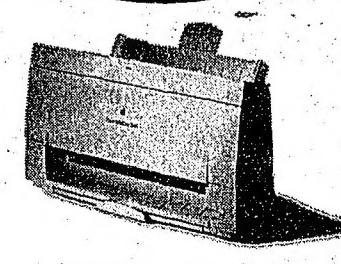
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Revamped Homecoming Will Attempt to Excite Campus With Free Events

By Christine Mixan

It's that time of year again. Homecoming Week has returned at UNO and will attempt to turn the campus into a flurry of excitement.

The Pre-Homecoming Bash on Friday kicked off the week. The Homecoming candidates were introduced and the annual Spirit Cup Competition was promoted.

"I have a feeling that this year's Homecoming is going to be one of the most successful ones since I've been at UNO," said Molly Mahoney, one of the Homecoming candidates.

Mahoney was elected as a candidate because of her involvement in numerous campus activities including treasurer and secretary of the Psychology National Honors Society and vice president of membership for the Order of Omega, a national honors society for Greeks.

"It's great to see other students around campus getting pumped up about this week's activities," Mahoney said. "The overall attitude around campus has been a very positive one."

A positive reaction is the goal of Derek Petit, chairman of the Student Programming Organization's festival planning committee, and other SPO staff members.

"I started brainstorming ideas for this year's Homecoming last February," Petit said. "Two months ago, my committee of 15 people started getting together for strictly Homecoming purposes. Lately, we've had some extra meetings to tie up some loose ends."

Petit was determined to redesign the entire format of the Homecoming activities. He felt that it was time for a change. His goal was to bring about greater participation in this year's events.

"I restructured everything. It was like starting with a blank chalkboard and going from there," Petit said. "I wanted a totally different image of Homecoming. In the past years, it hasn't been a big success because there is a huge communication gap at UNO — this is usually a big problem. UNO is like a black hole when it comes to getting news out about upcoming events."

Petit created and had more than 300 booklets printed which contain a detailed description of each Homecoming activity. He distributed these booklets to all of the organizations around campus.

"I really want more organizations to get involved. The events are activities that everyone can take part in," Petit said. "You don't have to be part of a fraternity or sorority to enjoy what's going on."

Petit also worked to make Homecoming events free to anyone with a UNO I.D. card.

"The whole point of Homecoming should be fun," Petit said. "My philosophy is that the students at UNO already pay enough. To make them pay for their own Homecoming events is wrong."

As the week progresses, the Homecoming candidates may be feeling a little nervous anticipation. The excite-

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—Derek Petit, SPO festival planning chairman, on why Homecoming events are free to anyone with a UNO I.D.

ment of being a Homecoming candidate, however, overrides all other feelings, said candidate Tina Flores.

"This has been a great experience for me," Flores said. "I've met a lot of new people since I found out I was up for the election. All the other girls have been so supportive — we help each other out. Despite what people may think, we're not competitive at all."

The candidates are judged on their personal interview and their attendance of events, in addition to the popular vote. Chris Dobel, one of the candidates, said that this election process is an excellent one.

"I think it's great to include the interview and attendance points for the election," Dobel said. "This way, it doesn't just become another popularity contest like it was in high school. The candidate criteria stresses the right things — the rules emphasize each candidate's involvement on campus and how well each person represents UNO as a whole."

This week's events include:

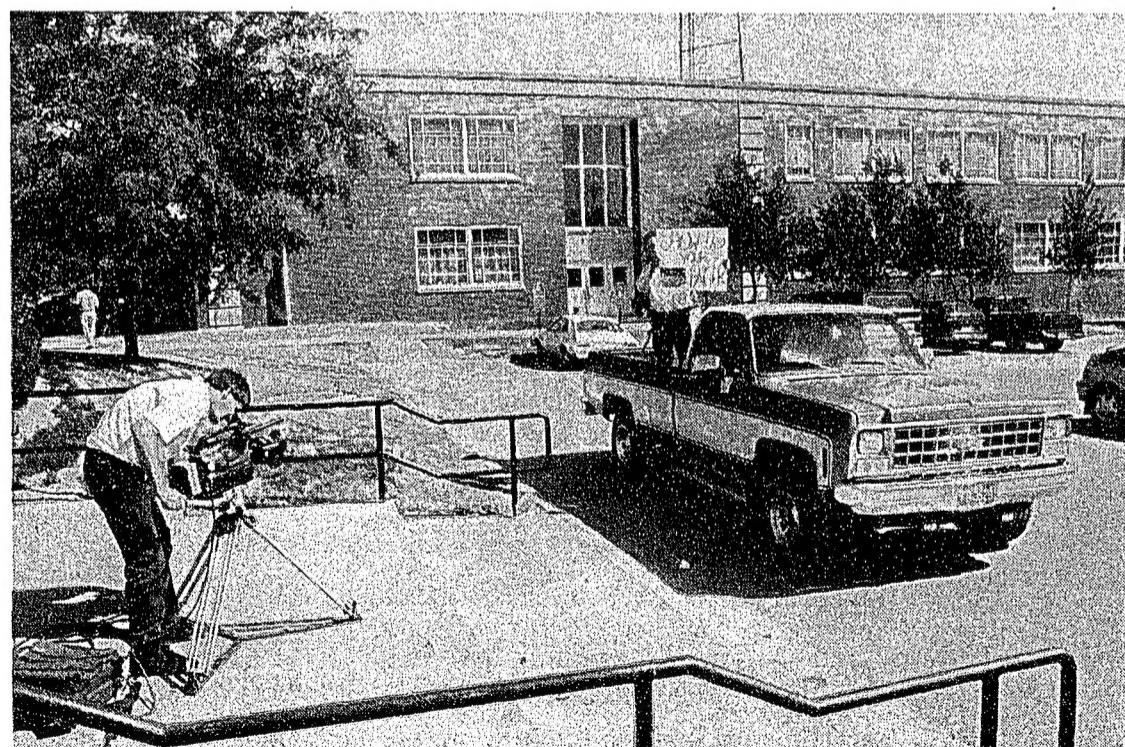
- Today, comedian Pat McCurdy will be at the Maverick Ballroom at 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday is the UNO World Games in the Pep Bowl, south of the Eppley Administration Building.

- Thursday, hypnotist Jim Wand will be performing in the Ballroom of the Student Center at 11:30 a.m.

- Friday, local band "The Fisheads," will play from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Pep Bowl during the "Clothesline Across Campus," a community service project sponsored by the SPO and the *Gateway*, where donated clothing will be strung around the Pep Bowl to benefit the Open Door Mission.

- Saturday, the American Multicultural Students, and the International Student Services are hosting a tailgate party at 4:30 p.m. before the football game, which begins at 7:30 p.m.

Petit said he guarantees that attendance will be better than it has been in past years. "The overall Homecoming events won't even compare to anything UNO has seen before."



—Steve Houlton

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Larger Than Normal Freshman Classes Surprise Colleges Around Nation

By College Press Service

When Melanie Lubbers arrived at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, she couldn't wait to meet her new roommates—all seven of them.

Lubbers is sharing a converted student lounge with the other women after a record number of freshman arrived on campus this year, causing a housing crunch.

But despite the crowded quarters, Lubbers isn't complaining. "It's a lot of fun. I don't want to leave," she says. "I've gotten to know a lot more people this way."

Lubbers' situation isn't that uncommon. This fall semester has provided colleges across the nation with a bumper crop of freshmen, leaving many officials scrambling to accommodate their new students. For example:

- Freshman overcrowding at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., caused school officials to house students in a motel and faculty offices. Meanwhile, a few faculty members are serving time in temporary office space at the town's abandoned jail.

- Some freshmen discovered their temporary housing included maid service. Forty-four University of Minnesota freshmen were shipped to Stadium Village Days Inn just off of campus until space opened in the dorms, while 90 freshmen at Drury College in Springfield, Mo., are spending their first semester away from home living at an off-campus hotel.

- And some colleges are offering cash incentives to students who move off campus. California's Claremont McKenna College offered \$1,000 incentives to upperclassmen to give up their residence halls rooms.

"We were definitely surprised at the amount of students," says Jerome Reed, dean of undergraduate studies at Clemson's University, which welcomed a freshmen class nearly 10 percent larger than last year. "We weren't planning on the numbers being so high."

Reasons for High Numbers

So why did Clemson, like many schools, find so many freshman arriving to campus this year? Educators say there are likely many reasons. One is simple demographics. Approximately 2.55 million students graduated from high school this year, up from 2.47 in 1994, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

But Reed says other factors help as well. For instance, a competitive job market has led more people to pursue higher education

degrees, he adds.

"More students, young and old, are realizing the true importance of an education," Reed says. "Schools are seeing more students that are looking for opportunities."

"It's not uncommon that when the economy is slow, people go back to school," adds Matt Fissinger, director of admissions at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, which has enrolled its largest freshman class—801 students—in 10 years.

Success on the athletic field doesn't hurt either, says Matt Winston, a Virginia Tech spokesperson. "We'd like to think that we received a lot of applicants because we have low tuition and an excellent academic reputation," says Winston. "But the fact remains that our football team went to the Gator Bowl and our basketball team won the NIT. That probably helped us out quite a bit."

Everyone Showed Up

Winston says nearly 500 more freshmen showed up on the first day of class than were expected by Virginia Tech officials. "Schools generally accept more students than they have room for because so many choose to go to other schools, decide to wait or just decide to stay home," Winston says. "That didn't happen this year. Everyone came."

Since new students are required to live in on-campus housing, Virginia Tech first had to deal with finding ways to house all of their freshmen. "We offered buyouts to our upperclassmen who lived in the dorms so they could go get an apartment," says Winston.

Those upperclassmen who moved off campus were refunded all residence hall payments, including deposits, and provided students with \$150 in dining hall credits. About 350 students took the school up on its offer. The remaining 150 slots were opened up with the help of "some very creative ways of housing," says Winston.

A few years ago, the University of Nebraska had problems filling the dorms. This year, after the Husker's took the No. 1 spot last year in college football, it's a different story. The University of Nebraska's freshmen class increased by more than 500 from last year, leaving many new students in temporary quarters.

"We have students tripling up in rooms and living in lounges in the residence halls," says Doug Zatechka, UN's director of housing. "As rooms open up, we fill them with those students first. But when you get a few hundred extra students, it's really hard to

keep everyone happy."

At Penn State, which made headlines last year with an undefeated football season and a Rose Bowl victory, school officials were caught with insufficient dorm space when 4,263 freshmen—or 750 more than last year—showed up. The new students piled into study lounges until other housing opportunities opened up.

"It was a drag when I first got here because I got stuck in this lounge with three other guys and all our stuff," says freshman Steve Croteau. "But it's not that bad now. You kind of get used to it, you have to."

Location Plays Role

Although Northwestern College officials have no concrete proof of why their enrollment is increasing, they say they believe that the school's location plays a big role. Located in a quiet Iowa town of about 5,000 "where people leave their houses unlocked," Northwestern offers parents a safe place to send their children to get an education, say school officials.

"Families are looking for a college that offers students a solid academic program, but also a school and location that stresses traditional values," says Ron Da Jong, director of admissions.

This fall, Northwestern College welcomed its largest group of freshmen ever at 410 students. Since the college usually provides housing for 350 freshmen, the hammers begin pounding almost immediately to renovate temporary living space for students. Two residence hall lounges were converted to provide 16 female students with housing for the year.

Sarah Barnes, one of Lubbers' seven roommates, says the students get along because, well, they have to. "We don't have a lot of storage, so it took a lot of compromising the first day to figure out how we were going to store all of our stuff," Barnes says. "Everyone is really considerate. It never really gets too noisy, but if you want to study, it's better to go to the library."

As a peace offering for the makeshift space, school officials gave the lounge residents a 50 percent discount on the room rate, a gift certificate to the college bookstore and the first chance to sign up for a new women's residence hall, which will open next fall.

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Serial Rapist Stalks Stanford Campus

By College Press Service

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Returning Stanford University students were greeted by an aggressive campuswide campaign warning them of a serial rapist.

School officials posted fliers with the police sketch of a man who has committed five rapes in the area in the last month. Police said they weren't taking any chances at a time when 5,500 female students—800 of them freshmen—were arriving to campus.

"People that go to school here obviously come from all over, and if they're from a small town in Iowa or North Dakota, they may not have any real awareness of crime," said Stanford University Police Capt. Raoul Niemeyer. "We're just trying to make students aware of who and what's out there."

Niemeyer said that the police department is advising students to travel with others and keep an eye out for suspicious characters. "The rapist has kidnapped his victims from desolate areas and brought them elsewhere to assault them," said Niemeyer. "Stanford has a lot of open space so much of the campus may be attractive to a person with those types of motives."

Stanford officials have instructed their student residence assistants on topics pertaining to the serial rapist and have strengthened new student programs on date rape and sexual harassment.

Stanford United for Rape Elimination (SURE), the school's escort service, also was seeking extra volunteers for what could be a busy fall. The organization distributed safety information to students, including maps highlighting well-lit travel routes and booklets with security tips.

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Forecasted State Economical Problems Could Threaten Public University Funding

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON—State governments are seeing extra dollar signs in their bank accounts lately, but they are not sharing as much of that wealth with their public universities.

Although state spending on higher education has steadied nationwide, other state services—mostly Medicaid and the prison system—are benefiting more from the states' recent revenue upswings, according to the annual report by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU).

Public university officials worry that a predicted downturn in state economies and the decreased attention to the universities could threaten financial aid, tuition costs and overall access to a college degree, the AASCU report states.

Gloomy Forecast

States have thin safety nets for reserves, and even those experiencing good times this year could take a downturn as early as next year, which Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other economists have forecast. Coupled with increases in enrollment over the next 15 years and an average tuition increase of 3 percent to 6 percent a year, the trend toward less state-support troubles public universities, which get about half their funding from the states.

"Are they going to provide more funds, or are we going to limit access?" said John Hammang, AASCU's state and campus relations director. "It potentially could mean not very good things for the higher education establishments."

States now are more fiscally sound than in recent years, with an average 4.9 percent increase in their budgets. State spending on higher education has increased by 4.2 per-

cent—a "respectable rise," according to the report, "but still troublesome when shown against the backdrop of declining state support for higher education."

"So much of the state budgets are beyond (politicians' control)," Paul Rahmeier, associate vice chancellor for instruction at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, said in an interview. "Higher education is one (expenditure) they've been able to cut without being politically punished."

Nationwide, state grant aid to students increased by an average of 12.6 percent from 1992-93 to 1993-94, but the increases were uneven across the states. Five states averaged increases of 17 percent or more while all other states averaged 5.1 percent, according to the AASCU.

Among the annual report's other findings:

- The average undergraduate cost of tuition and fees at a public institution was \$2,590 for the fall of 1994. This is a 6.1 percent rise from the previous year.
- Room and board charges increased 3.6 percent from fall 1993 to fall 1994.
- States awarded nearly \$3 billion in aid last year, at an average of \$963 a student.

User Should Pay

AASCU President James B. Appleberry interviewed legislators nationwide and said they generally agree that a college degree benefits the individual more than the public. Politicians said they feel the "user," or the student, then, should pay more of the cost of that education and not rely as much on financial aid. And by cutting back the amount of money funding colleges, they can "avoid the ire of the taxpayer," he said.

"I would say in recent years there's been a move in the public attitude," Rahmeier added.

"Higher education was seen as a public good, but now it's more likely to be seen as a private good. Some people think this is extremely short-sighted."

What this means for students is that they may face the greatest threat ever to earning their college degree, Appleberry said. They are more dependent on student loans, which have obstacles of their own to hurdle in Congress. They are more likely to work longer hours, which also jeopardizes a quick graduation.

And enrollment, which dropped about 1 percent in 1993 for the first time since 1986, is on the rise again. The National Center for Education Statistics predicts that 15.9 million students will be enrolled in colleges and universities by the year 2004.

Sweating Their Way

Students, therefore, may face greater competition for fewer financial aid dollars to pay for a higher cost tuition, the report said.

Recognizing this, students are beginning to seek degrees at lower-cost institutions, Hammang said. Nearly 32 percent of freshmen said they chose their college based on low tuition and financial aid offers.

"That's far more affordable than worrying about \$25,000 or \$30,000 a year tuitions," he said.

And students continue to work. At UMass-Lowell, for instance, almost all the students "are literally sweating their way" through school, Rahmeier said.

"It makes them very serious and very responsible," he said. "They accept the responsibility for their education. They can truly say they earned it."

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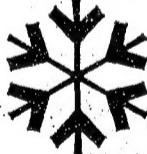
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AmeriCorps May See First and Last Anniversary

By College Press Service

WASHINGTON—Lawmakers this week marked the first anniversary of the AmeriCorps program, one day after some in Congress took steps to make it the last.

The National Service program, which has put 20,000 students to work in more than 350 programs nationwide, celebrated its first birthday Sept. 12, one day after a Senate appropriations subcommittee voted to eliminate it.

Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., chairman of the appropriations subcommittee, and other Republicans said the \$472 million program costs too much. Bond said he had to sacrifice it in order to fully fund community development block grants to cities.

Using a budget report from the General Accounting Office as ammunition, Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa) attacked AmeriCorps, claiming the costs to the taxpayers is too high. "When compared to other proven programs, both public and private, AmeriCorps is by far the most expensive and least effective way to achieve its goals," Grassley said.

The House voted earlier this year to throw out the program.

"We can only regard this action as a triumph of politics over principle," said Eli J. Segal, president of the Corporation for National Service, which oversees the federal program. "National service will not be eliminated. Simply put, local programs are too good; local communities know and appreciate it."

Segal and some members of Congress said they are not ready to give up the fight. They banded together with AmeriCorps members and supporters at a Sept. 12 rally.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) said she is ready "to arm-wrestle and arm-twist anyone" to preserve AmeriCorps. Mikulski, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations subcommittee, said she voted against the appropriations bill because it did not include funding for national service.

"There is a repeated attack taking place on opportunities for young people. It's happening in student loans. It's happening in public education. And it's happening in national service," Mikulski said at the rally. "I believe that we are a nation that believes in opportunities for our young people. If young people want to work hard and play by the rules, they should be rewarded with real opportunities."

AmeriCorps pays its 20,000 students a stipend and a grant

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—Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Md.) on her attempt to save the AmeriCorps program.

for education in exchange for one year's service on community projects. President Clinton began the national service program soon after he took office in January 1993.

Clinton expressed his support for the AmeriCorps program at a speech at Southern Illinois University in mid-September. "AmeriCorps is giving thousands and thousands of young people the chance to earn and save up money for college while serving their communities," Clinton said.

In Washington a few days later, the president criticized Republican efforts to cut the program, saying that the benefits greatly outweighed the costs. "This is a tiny, tiny budget item that does an enormous amount of good," Clinton said, adding that each federal dollar invested in AmeriCorps returns \$1.60 to \$2.60 in benefits.

But many Congressional Republicans disagree that AmeriCorps' benefits outweigh its costs. According to the report by the General Accounting Office—the government's independent auditing agency, AmeriCorps was spending the equivalent of \$26,654 per volunteer per year, 92 percent of which was funded by taxpayers.

During the past year, AmeriCorp members have built homes, closed down crack houses, helped fight forest fires in Idaho and assisted flood victims. Brent Bloom, 23, has helped victims of the Oklahoma City bombing in his home-

town. Donna Shocke, a 28-year-old from Simpson County, Ky., earned her GED while teaching children in her town how to read.

Rusty Stahl, a sophomore at George Washington University in Washington, said the \$4,000 stipend and additional scholarship money he gets from working on the Neighbor's Project has made him more independent. Twenty-one other students at George Washington participate in the project, which supports social agencies in a low-income neighborhood in Washington.

"Anyone looking at this logically and with any decency would realize this is not a lot of new bureaucracy," said Stahl, a liberal arts major from Philadelphia. "It's gotten my spirits up and gotten me involved, and it's helping the city."

In the year that Stahl and the other national service participants at George Washington have worked for the Neighbor's Project, they have installed computers in a homeless center where they tutor homeless children in reading and mathematics, have tutored public school children and have shopped or run errands for senior citizens recovering from illnesses.

Jamie Libertoff, a GW sophomore who also works on the Neighbor's Project, said the effort to end the program is a "very partisan attempt to undermine Clinton's agenda."

"I don't think they understand what we're doing," he said.

Mikulski and others in Congress, including Republican Sen. John Chafee of Rhode Island, said they will continue to urge their colleagues in the Senate to keep the program. The Senate will vote on the appropriations bill in the next several weeks.

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Sports



Mavs Defy Mother Nature to Beat Morningside, 31-14

By Tony Reinke

SIOUX CITY, IOWA—Two UNO football teams traveled to Morningside College last Saturday and one returned. Two teams traveled in the same bus, but one was left in Iowa.

The first UNO team absorbed a 0-14 deficit after the first quarter, but the second one dominated Morningside 31-0 in the final three quarters for a 31-14 victory.

Mother Nature laid her hand on Roberts Stadium, turning the field into a windy, rainy battleground of mud. The 28 mph wind, which blew at UNO's back in the third quarter, would also prove to be the same wind that would kick-start UNO to its second victory of the season.

Minutes after the beginning of the third quarter, freshman kicker Paul Kosel lined up for a 45-yard field goal. The score was in Morningside's favor at 14-12.

Kosel, who holds the Nebraska high school record with a 55-yard field goal, was put in a situation where his footing was unsecured and the strong wind was at his back.

"Coach (Behrns) asked me if I could make it," Kosel said. "I just said yes, and he just looked at me and said 'OK.'" He connected on the attempt giving the Mavs a 15-14 lead, a lead that would not escape UNO. The field goal will be remembered as the turning point for UNO.

"The game was sloppy and we did make mistakes," Head Coach Pat Behrns said. "But the comeback, and to score 31-unanswered points under those conditions, was great. It was a heck of a game."

The scoring began early in the game for the Chiefs of Morningside. They ruled the scoreboard with two first-quarter touchdowns. Morningside quarterback Brian Keating took his team 62 yards in seven plays to begin the scoring. His 29-yard pass to Troy Castille, with a successful extra point, gave Morningside a 7-0 lead.

On the next drive, UNO quarterback Troy Kloewer had his pass intercepted on the UNO 26.

Morningside capitalized on the field position. Running back Joel Rogers rushed for all 26 yards on four plays and gave the Chiefs a 14-0 authority.

The Mavs wasted no time on their first drive of the second quarter. Kloewer guided UNO 53 yards including two fourth-down conversions for its first touchdown of the season. Kloewer found freshman receiver Ed

Thompson on a 12-yard touchdown to cap the drive. Morningside held on to a 14-6 lead.

The Mav defense held MC and gave the ball back to UNO at the MC 6-yard line.

The running of Jermaine Hill and the passing of Kloewer moved the UNO offense 80 yards on just 11 plays. Pete Coniglio and Jake Young both caught 13-yard passes from Kloewer throughout the drive. But it was a 6-yard corner pass to Thompson that moved the MC lead to 14-12.

Both teams traded unsuccessful drives to end the half.

The second half began with the wind at UNO's back and the momentum still undecided.

"We knew that we had to score with the wind at our back," Behrns said. "If we didn't use the wind we knew that Morningside would have it in the fourth quarter. The third quarter wind was vital."

The Chiefs took the opening kickoff, and once again the UNO defense stuffed MC. Keating's pass on a third-and-five play was intercepted by senior linebacker Kory Andreassen.

Once again, Hill, Kloewer and Thompson moved the ball to set up the 45-yard field goal by Kosel, which gave UNO its first lead of the day at 15-14.

Again the UNO defense held MC to punt.

The Chiefs were kicking into the wind, and the Mavs took over at their own 49-yard line. Kloewer wasted no time connecting with Thompson for a 50-yard touchdown strike, which gave UNO a 22-14 lead with less than six minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Both teams traded stalled drives, and MC took over at its own 2-yard line due to an impressive punt by UNO's Nate Parks.

On the third play of MC's drive, Keating's pass was intercepted by Maverick Pat Davis, who ran the ball in from 11 yards out. UNO took a commanding 24-14 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Mavericks ended the scoring with a time-consuming, 20-play drive, which ended with Kosel's second field goal of the game (25 yards).

When the final whistle blew, the Mavs (2-3 overall) had defeated the Chiefs (0-4-1 overall) 31-14.

"When a team is in the rebuilding stage it is very important that you win," Behrns said. "It's just something that we haven't learned how to do."

Athletic Director Don Leahy said it best: "Two years down the road we will remember that UNO won in Sioux City vs. Morningside," he said. "And we will remember that it was the game that turned the program around."

Sideline

After motoring to Sioux City, Iowa for the Mavs' first conference road win since the final game of the 1991 season, UNO Head Coach Pat Behrns has named this week's "players of the week" after the Mavs' 31-14 victory against Morningside College.

Redshirt sophomore quarterback Troy Kloewer was named offensive player of the week, after tossing touchowns of 6, 12 and 50 yards to freshman wide receiver Ed Thompson. After capitalizing on 8 of 9 play opportunities, Thompson was named the factor player of the week. He caught seven passes for 131 yards and three touchdowns.

The special teams player of the week was redshirt freshman Jeff Herdzina, a 5-9, 175-pound defensive back from Columbus, Neb.

There was a split decision for defensive player of the week between junior defensive back Pat Davis and senior linebacker Kory Andreassen.

The Mavs' homecoming game against No. 2-ranked North Dakota is Saturday, with kickoff at 1 p.m. Admission is free for UNO students with ID's.



—Photo by Tony Reinke

Mavs Head Coach Pat Behrns, center of photo at left, addresses his team after defeating Morningside College 31-14 in Sioux City, Iowa on Saturday.

STATS

Scoring summary

MSide 0-7 (1st) Castille 29 pass Keating (kick)
MSide 0-14 (1st) Rogers 2 run (kick)
UNO 6-14 (2nd) Thompson 12 pass Kloewer (no kick)
UNO 12-14 (2nd) Thompson 6 pass Kloewer (2Pt conversion failed)
UNO 15-14 (3rd) Kosel 45-yard FG
UNO 22-14 (3rd) Thompson 50 pass Kloewer (kick)
UNO 28-14 (3rd) Davis 11 interception (no kick)
UNO 31-14 (4th) Kosel 25-yard FG

	UNO	M'Side
Rushing	132	92
Passing	222	120
Total	348	181
Per play	4.6	2.7
Punts	5-141	8-317
Time	32:08	27:52
3rd dwn	7 of 16	3 of 15
4th dwn	2 of 2	1 of 1
Sacks	2	2

Rushing Individual

Rushing- Cave 9-46, Hill 17-44, Sobotka 7-16, Young 1-5, Herdzina 2-4, Koopy 1-3, Kloewer 4-0, Walker 1-minus 2. Totals 42-126

Passing- Kloewer 33-17-2 222.3 touchdowns.

Receiving- Thompson 7-13, Hill 3-22, Mariwetter 2-25, Young 2-19, Kreis 2-12, Coniglio 1-4, Jones 1-22.

Punting- Parks 5-141 38.2 average.

Tackles min. 3 (unassisted tackles-assisted tackles-total)- Andreassen 4-6-10, Richards 4-5-9, Brown 5-2-7, Waller 4-2-6, Titus 1-4-5, Morris 2-2-4, Welch 1-3-4, Neben 2-1-3, O'Neal 1-2-1, Anderson 1-2-3.

Sacks- Morris 1, Hansen 1, Davis 1.

Interceptions- Davis 2, Andreassen 1.

Tackles for losses- Morris 2-8 yds, Waller 2-7, Hansen 1-6, Tate 1-4, Richards 1-4, Davis 1-4, Welch 1-3, Anderson 1-3, O'Neal 1-3, Neben 1-1.

Mavs Defense Proves Basement Ranking Wrong

By Tony Reinke

SIOUX CITY, IOWA—Coming into the Morningside game, one factor stood out more than any for the Mavericks—the UNO secondary was last in the North Central Conference in pass defense, and Morningside quarterback Brian Keating was coming off a record performance against Mankato State.

The Chiefs' quarterback broke a school record with 30 completions and passed for 344 yards the week before the UNO/MC game. On the other side of the field, UNO has stumbled when faced with quality quarterbacks.

Wayne State QB Jared Hendershot passed for 318 yards in a victory over UNO, and Mankato State QB John Hebgen had 303 yards in a 49-10 win over UNO.

The fact was simple—Keating was going to pose a big problem for the Maverick secondary.

The UNO defensive backs consists of fresh-

men Nathan Tate, Ben Titus, Robert Brown and juniors Lemar O'Neal and Pat Davis. They knew the game was on their shoulders.

"We really worked hard this past week preparing for the (Morningside) game," Titus said. "We have the talent, but we really needed a solid game to boost our confidence."

That's exactly what happened last Saturday.

Keating was held to 84 yards through the air in the first half but burned the UNO secondary with a 29-yard touchdown on Morningside's first possession of the game.

Throughout the second half UNO's secondary became the big factor. By then the field had become the "Mud Bowl," making the passing game almost vital.

During the third quarter Keating had no passing yards and was intercepted twice.

The UNO secondary put the ball back in the hands of the offense in the third quarter, some-

thing Head Coach Pat Behrns said was vital.

UNO capitalized on the defensive success of the secondary and scored 16 third-quarter points.

"Our secondary did a great job," Behrns said. "Except for a few penalties they really proved themselves."

Another factor of the victory at Sioux City was the play of the defensive front of the Mavericks. Linebackers Kory Andreassen and Demetrius Richards combined for 19 total tackles. The Mavs' defense held MC on third downs in the second half. The Chiefs converted on 1 of 8 attempts.

"We had a talk before the game," co-captain Andreassen said. "We were lacking the enthusiasm we had in the spring. But this is definitely a boost for us."

The Mavs will take on North Dakota this weekend. ND is the top team in the NCC, and it is ranked second in the nation.

Lady Mavs Volleyball Continues Down Victory Lane

By Tony Reinke

If there were any doubts that the Lady Mav volleyball team would stampede the Wildcats from Wayne (Neb.) State they were forgotten within minutes into the match last Friday at the UNO volleyball tournament.

Behind Denise Otten, Erin Shafer and Kim Gerdes controlling the net, UNO shot out to a quick 10-0 lead, a lead that set the pace for the final two games.

For the first time in the season UNO held its opponent to just one point in the first game and brushed past WS 15-1, 15-7, 15-11.

Sophomore Kim Gerdes had one of the best matches of her career. The middle blocker from Denver led the team in kills (11) and added two solo blocks at the net.

Her three kills midway through the third game prevented a Wildcat comeback. WS had tied the game at 4-4. Gerdes finished the match with a hitting percentage of .667, far higher than any other player.

"You can credit (Gerdes') performance to her training," Head Coach Rose Shires said. "I think that we have some of the best middles in the country and Kim is developing well because of that."

Otten has also seen an improvement, Shires said.

"She is amazing this year," she said. "Kim has great cut-shots this year, and she is holding her own in the North Central Conference."

Once again, Otten provided a solid foundation up front for the Lady Mavs. Her .381 hitting percentage was second only to Gerdes. Otten helped close out the first game with two block assists and started the third game with three consecutive kills.

Once again Amy Steffel set the stage. The junior from Minnesota added 37 set assists throughout the match, eight of those in the first game.

"For a setter to get an assist, the setter has to get the ball in the air for the hitter and put them in a position to win," Shires said. "One thing that Steffel brings to this team is the ability to set away from the opponent's block."

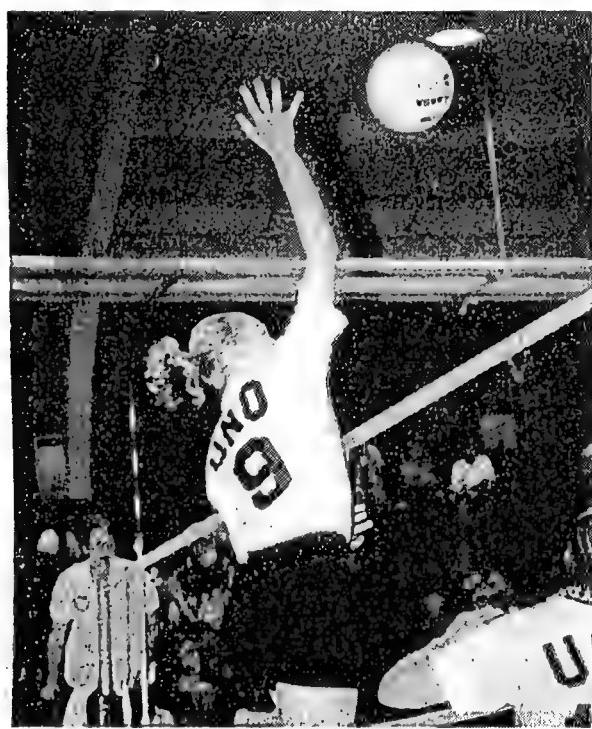
Steffel moved into the No. 2 spot on the

all-time UNO set assist chart with an assist to Tonya Cate late in the second game.

UNO faced two opponents on Saturday. North Dakota and South Dakota were the other two teams that concluded the UNO tournament. The Mavs had no problem with either of the teams en route to a perfect 3-0 tournament record.

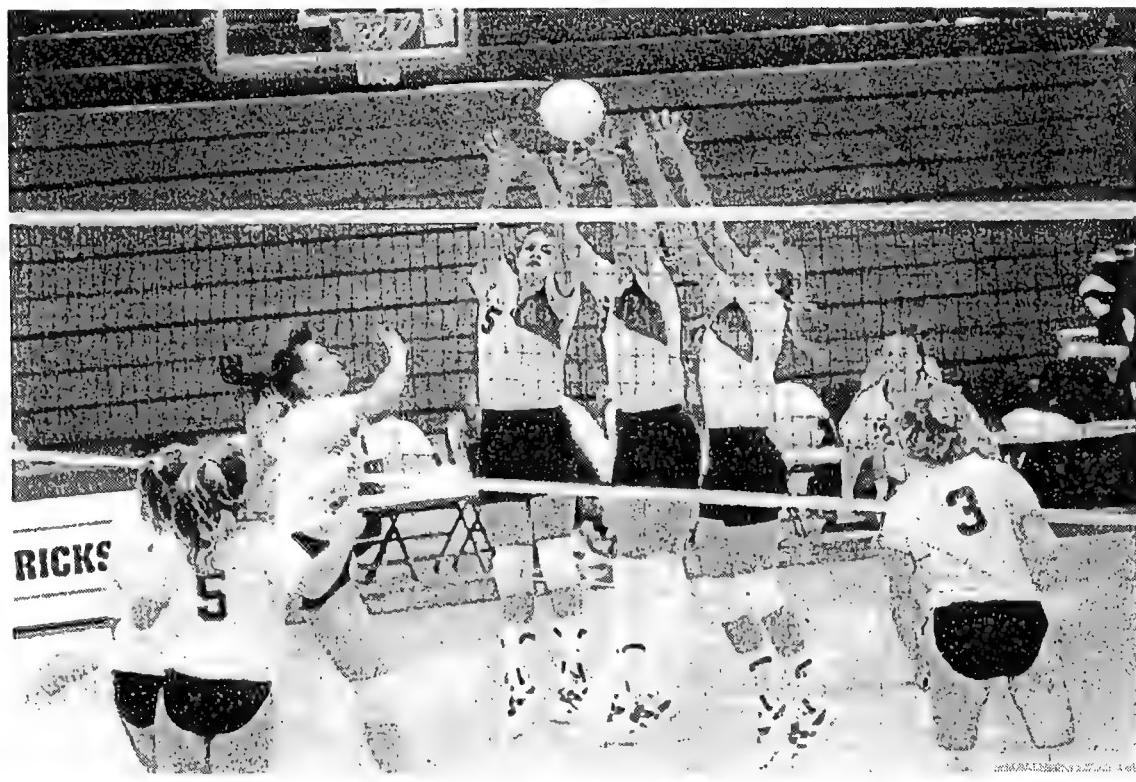
Otten had 23 kills in the two matches, and Steffel added 52 sets as UNO rolled past ND 15-7, 15-5, 15-11 and past SD 15-4, 15-6, 15-11.

"We're having fun this season," Steffel said. "The rest of the schedule is in our favor, and we are looking to win the conference."



—Dave Mollner

Sophomore Kim Gerdes skies for a kill against Wayne State on Friday.



—Steve Houlton

Lady Mavs, from left, Christyn Malone, Kim Gerdes and Erin Shafer reject a So. Dakoda attack.

TALKING BULL
with Sparky the sports guru

Who said a team with mostly underclassmen wouldn't amount to squat in the athletic arena? Don't tell this to the nationally ranked Lady Mavs volleyball team.

Ranked No. 11 in the latest *USA Today*/AVCA Top 15 Poll, the Lady Mavs rolled through their own tournament last weekend in the UNO Fieldhouse by thrashing Wayne State, North Dakota and South Dakota respectively. UNO improved to 11-5 on the season vaulting it into a second-place tie in the nation's most competitive Division II playing field—the North Central Conference.

The oddity about this dominant team is its age—or lack of it. With the lone senior on the team in middle blocker Denise Otten, the Lady Mavs look to the 6-footer from Norfolk, Neb., for not only leadership but to bring out the best in themselves.

Besides junior setter Amy Steffel, who shot past Wendy Melcher (1980-83) into second place Friday night on UNO's all-time set assists record, four sophomores and four freshmen round off a team competing at the top of its form.

Not meaning to pluck on the same broken banjo strings, but the potential of what this team could accomplish with more than 150 spectators in the Fieldhouse bleachers is mind boggling. With nine home matches left this season (the next two this weekend and free to UNO students with ID's — HINT, HINT, HINT), why don't we show some support for

our nationally ranked Lady Mavs.

Those who refer to UNO as a commuter campus in serious need of a residence hall infusion should make the most with what the campus has to offer now. The excuse of "I can't get a baby sitter on Friday or Saturday night to attend a game," usually finds a way if dinner and movie tickets are on the venue. Spend some quality family time by bringing the kids to tug on Durango's tail or slop on some nachos, why not?

This is the same old song and dance for most athletic events on the UNO campus. In high school, and especially 60 miles down Interstate 80, everyone takes it for granted that on Friday or Saturday nights the place to be is at the football or basketball game and then head out afterward to party, or what have you.

With revenues generated from ticket windows and concessions at athletic events, our athletic teams could score on the same playing fields as does the NCC's cream of the crop in North Dakota and South Dakota.

When teams enter North Dakota State's \$48 million Fargodome, seating 18,900 fans, that's an intimidation factor before the ball's ever even snapped.

With the help of a local philanthropist (I think ole' Warren Buffet's got a few million somewhere in his sock drawer), local corporations (Con Agra, Union Pacific or the Kiewit Foundation) and student-body support, the Mavs could run wild.

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Sideline

Wrestling

College Sports Magazine, the only magazine devoted entirely to college sports, picked the University of Nebraska at Omaha wrestling team as tied for third in its pre-season Division II Wrestling Top 10.

Defending National Champions Central Oklahoma remain No. 1 in the poll, followed by the Mays' North Central Conference rival North Dakota State. Six NCC teams occupy the pre-season Top 10 poll, crowning it the dominant conference in NCAA Division II wrestling.

UNO, which placed second nationally in 1995 and first in the NCC, loses four all-Americans from its '95 squad. Seniors Brian Zanders, national champion at 150 pounds, Lim Prim at 118 pounds (second), Steve Costanzo at 134 pounds (third) and Jimmy Foster at 126 pounds are no longer wrestling for UNO Head Coach Mike Denney. Zanders, Foster and Prim will now help coach the '96 squad.

The College Sports Top 10

1)	Central Oklahoma	99 (9)
2)	North Dakota St.	88
3)t	Nebraska at Omaha	70
3)t	Pitt.-Johnstown (Pa.)	70
5)	South Dakota St.	57
6)	Northern Colorado	41 (1)

7) Mankato St. (Minn.) 33

8) North Dakota 32

9) Southern Colorado 17

10) UW-Parkside 15

* Bold indicates NCC teams

* First place votes in parentheses

Volleyball

The hosting No. 11-ranked Lady Mavs won the UNO volleyball tournament last weekend in the UNO Fieldhouse by defeating Wayne State, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Four Lady Mavs made the all-tournament team: senior middle-blocker Denise Otten, junior setter Amy Steffel, sophomore outside-hitter Tanya Cate and sophomore middle-blocker Kim Gerdes.

Steffel moved into the No. 2 ranking on UNO's all-time set assists record Friday night against Wayne State, downing the Wildcats 15-1, 15-7 and 15-11. Steffel finished the journey with 79 set assists, and Otten added 33 kills to help guide the Lady Mavs to victory.

UNO hosts Augustana this Friday at 7 p.m. and South Dakota State Saturday at 6 p.m. in the Fieldhouse. All games are free to UNO students with ID's.



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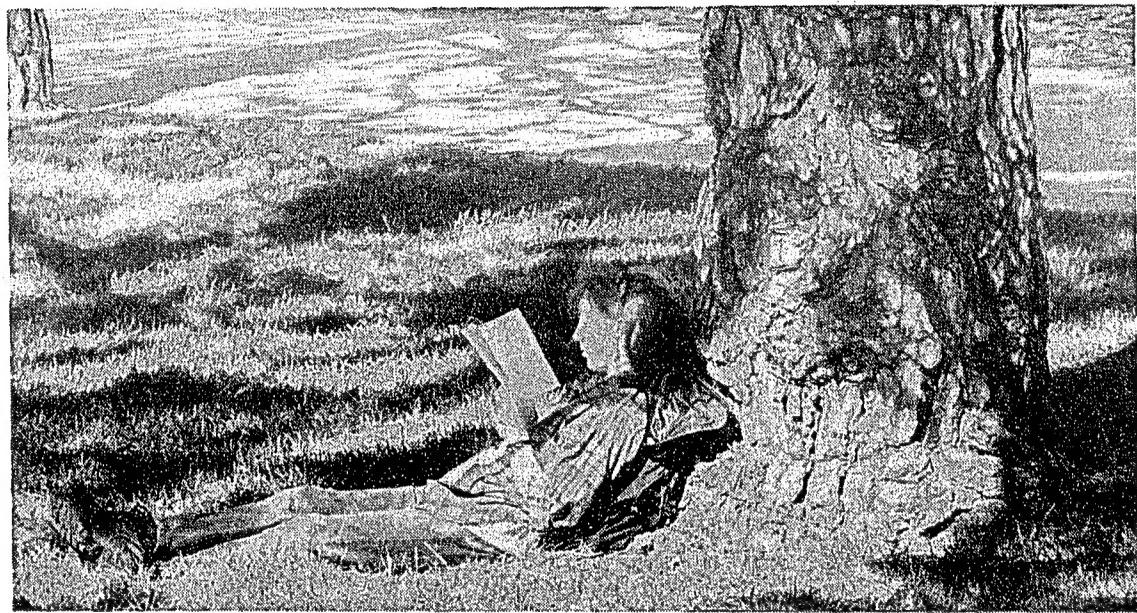


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—Steve Houlton

UNO sophomore Patricia Jordan takes a break between the Arts and Sciences Building and the College of Business Administration to enjoy a nice fall day.



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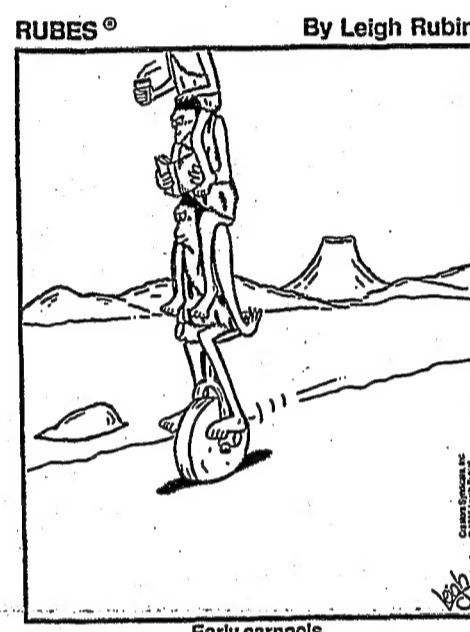
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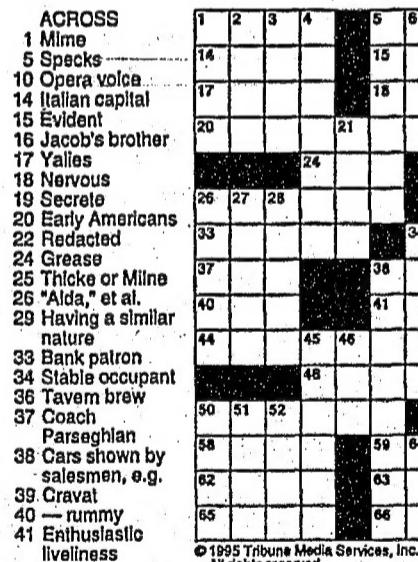


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Brown University Students Protest Environmental Deregulation

By College Press Service

PROVIDENCE, R.I.—Newt Gingrich showed up in Rhode Island recently and bought all of America's natural resources for a dollar.

Actually, it was not the Speaker of the House himself, but Brown University student Patrick Dillard, who wore a gray suit and some gray powder on his hair. Dillard and other Brown students were on hand at Rhode Island's Old State House Sept. 21 to participate in part of a nationwide protest of congressional plans to strip away environmental regulations.

David Wise, a member of the Sierra Student Coalition and a senior at Brown, was auctioning off the nation's clean air and water to protest the Gingrich's stance on environmental issues.

"Last November's elections were not a mandate to tear down our environmental landscape and give away our

public land," said Wise.

And he had the names to back up his statement. More than 1 million signatures—7,500 from Rhode Island campuses—were collected nationwide in response to a simple premise: Every American has the right to a safe and healthy environment.

"We think that people are more concerned with what may happen to the environment than our politicians believe," Wise said. "These are important issues to all Americans, especially students."

In addition to the signatures, the group plans to present its Environmental Bill of Rights, a list of environmental guidelines, to Congress later this year.

Wise says student environment groups nationwide have scheduled protests throughout the upcoming school year.

University of Florida Goes Batty Over New Residents

By College Press Service

GAINESVILLE, Fla.—It took a while, but things are finally getting a little batty at the University of Florida.

For some time, a small wooden house sat on the far end of campus—unoccupied. But members of the university's Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation were patient, insisting that soon the house's missing tenants would take up permanent residence.

And they have. Now thousands of bats occupy the university's "bat house" year-round.

"We have a total population of about 8,000 bats," says Bill Kearn, an extension scientist in the department. "The colony is one of the largest in the state of Florida. If it continues to grow, it could be the largest in this portion of the country."

About 25 bats began coming to what is known as the Lake Alice Bathhouse in 1993, staying for the winter and

leaving in April. In 1994, however, the bats gradually began to stay and increase. By last spring, approximately 3,500 bats lived in the structure.

Kearn says the recent population increase has been credited to the structure switching from housing a male colony to a breeding colony. "It took a while for the bats to increase to a number that produced enough warmth for fertilization," Kearn says. "But once that happened, the number of female bats grew steadily."

The baby bats, called pups, fall to the bottom of the cave and are transported back up to the rest of the colony by UF staff, since the mothers are unable to retrieve their babies.

In the past, the UF bats have settled at different spots throughout campus but were forced from their homes either due to fire or human intervention.

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•From Senate, page 1•

week, Oct. 16-20. Elections are scheduled for Oct. 17 and 18.

A special Senate committee was formed with the goal of increasing voter turnout in the student elections.

A proposal allocating \$671 from the Senate's reserve account, from student fees, to fund activities during election week was unanimously passed.

Activities covered by the funds are still somewhat tentative; but the weeks activities are as follows: performance by Everett Yates Little Big Band, broadcasting by radio station 101.9 "The Edge," passing out election stickers, party hats with popcorn, hot chocolate and sidewalk chalk to advertise the elections on designated walkways across campus.

"We wanted to take a fiscally conservative approach for the first year," Faltin said. "My goal is to reduce the cost as much as possible."

Peterson said in an interview Sunday that he plans to veto the resolution.

He said spending student fees in order to get students to vote is defeating the purpose during the elections, and that students who care will vote either way.

In other business:

- Daniel J. Pileg was appointed to the University Committee on Computer Usage.
- Sen. Jason Shearer resigned.
- Marcia Lively, director of the Network for DISABLED Students, said the agency is looking into the possibility of purchasing a handicap accessible van for disabled students on campus. As of now they don't have one.

The Senate passed a resolution allocating \$1,000 from Contingency to be transferred to the seed money account for Student Programming Organization. SPO allocates money for organizations getting started on campus and trying to establish themselves.

•From Engineering, page 1•

Several postgraduate degree programs are also offered at UNO. UNO offers the first two years of several engineering degrees, but students must transfer to UNL to finish these programs.

Keeser said UNL is working on offering electrical engineering as a four-year degree that can be taken entirely at UNO. Currently, only the first two years of electrical engineering are offered at UNO.

One thing that is being done to improve engineering education at UNO is the hiring of more faculty.

The Board of Regents approved the hiring of six new faculty members. Two of

those positions have been filled, and there is a search on for four more candidates.

James Hendrix, dean of the college of engineering at UNL, said one of his main concerns is to enhance engineering studies throughout the state of Nebraska.

"Obviously, the main area of concern is in Omaha," he said, "where there is a need for more courses."

More degrees are conferred in civil, mechanical and electrical engineering than any other course of study, Hendrix said.

Once all the new faculty positions are filled, UNO would be able to fully offer degrees in two of the three.

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Peterson said he was extremely bothered that Payne basically denied Peterson the right to speak on engineering at UNO. "I don't know what our school has to do, Lincoln has apparently impressed upon UNO to not recruit students for engineering. I don't know how that's productive or conducive to UNO," Peterson said.

Peterson was the only regent to not pass the proposal.

In other business:

Regent Drew Miller seemed exceptionally pleased with an amendment passed to encourage the submission of articles by taking a closer look at journals that are not reviewed. "It strengthens the emphasis on our primary mission as professors ... teaching," Miller said.

As is mentioned in Regent Charles Wilson's proposed board statement on research: "For excellence in teaching to be rewarded, we must first be able to recognize it."



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